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Dress for Success celebrates 10 years

Canucks all the way, says poll

HOCKEY There's no parade planned just yet, but some Canucks fans think our team has the best chance in the NHL at taking home the Stanley Cup, according to a new poll.

- One in five people polled by Ipsos Reid — or 21 per cent of respondents — said they think the Vancouver Canucks are going to win the Stanley Cup.
- The next most likely team chosen to win was Detroit, with 17 per cent of Vancouverites picking the Red Wings to take the trophy.
- This was followed by San Jose at 14 per cent, Boston at 10 per cent and Calgary at seven per cent.
- Fans also gave the team a B for its performance this season and voted Roberto Luongo as the regular season MVP and fan favourite.
- CBC will be broadcasting the Canucks versus Blues series in Punjabi. To listen, tune in at cbcsports.ca.
- Round 1 of Canucks playoffs will also be broadcast live on the 7.5-metre-high LED screen at Canada Place.
- To make sure fans and residents are safe, and that celebrations are under control on game nights, Abbotsford police are putting extra officers on the street.

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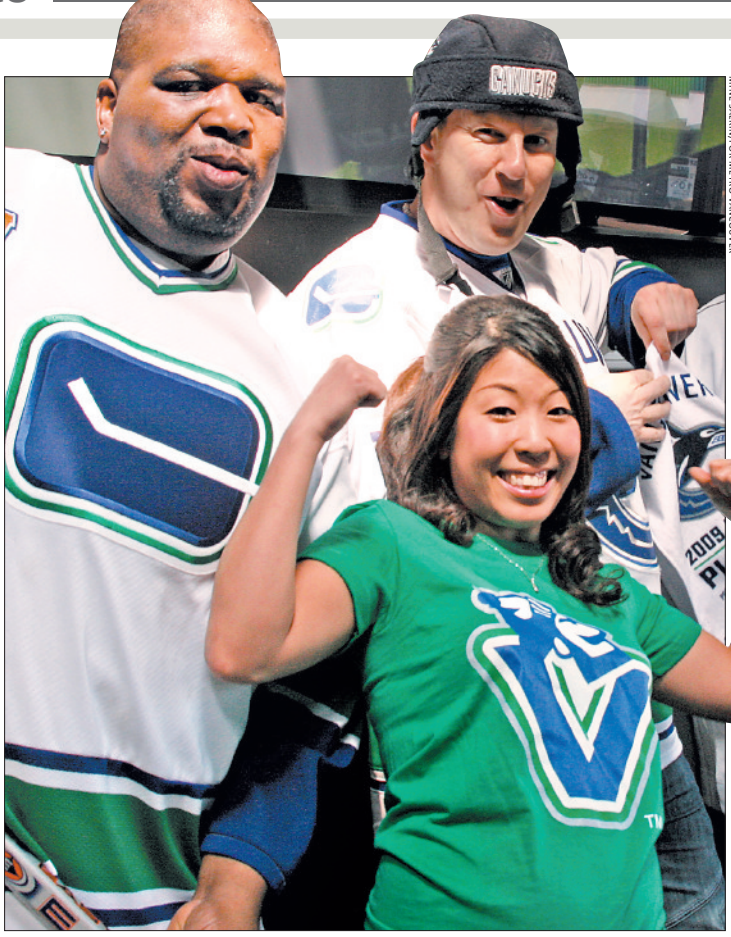

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Staff at the Score on Davie, Reggie Symonds, left, Shizuka Kai, centre, and Rob Turpin, are expecting a capacity crowd for tonight's game between the Vancouver Canucks and St. Louis Blues.

Playoffs good for business

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As long as the Canucks keep on winning, Vancouver bars will keep on scoring.

Every playoff round involving the home team means up to $20,000 in profit, according to Dan Wood, owner of Yagger's on Pender Street.

"We're thinking about 70 per cent of sales will be from the drafts alone," Wood said.

Tim Murphy, general manager at The Shark Club on West Georgia Street, said he's doubled his beer delivery from Molson — bottles and kegs.

"We're expecting full guest capacity and a lineup outside, which means close to 400 people," Murphy said. "We're expecting to see a 40 to 50 per cent increase in revenue on game days."

Jesse Ritchie, owner of the Score on Davie, said the last year has been the most difficult financially. It changed in the two weeks leading up to the playoffs when business suddenly spiked.

"It's been getting busier now," Ritchie said yesterday. "If last week was a sign, then we're hoping to double our revenue."

Ritchie is also buying tables and chairs to increase the bar's capacity by 15 per cent and staff will wear Canucks jerseys during games.

"If all goes well, the playoffs will be bringing more people into the city who wouldn't normally come here to celebrate," he added.

Smoking up and smoking heighten risk of lung disease: Study

UBC People who smoke both tobacco and marijuana may have a particularly high risk of developing chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), according to a new study.

Dr. Wan C. Tan, of the University of British Columbia, said it looks like marijuana smoking sensitizes the airways, making them more vulnerable to the adverse effects of tobacco smoking.

Men and women who smoked both tobacco and marijuana were more than twice as likely as non-smokers to have frequent respiratory symptoms, if they'd had more than 50 joints over a lifetime.

The study was published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

Tan added the findings do not mean that pot smoking, by itself, has no impact on COPD risk. She explained that there was an elevated risk linked to marijuana use, but in statistical terms, the increase was not significant. **REUTERS**

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'Meat-free' campaign kicks off
A coalition of environmental and animal rights groups is launching a week-long campaign today asking Vancouver residents to have a "meat-free Earth Day" on April 22. The kickoff is at noon in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Top cowboys ride into town

The world's top cowboys — and cowgirls — will be at the 2009 Cloverdale Rodeo during the May long weekend. More than $360,000 in prize money will be up for grabs at the 63rd annual event, which features bareback, saddle bronc, bull riding and ladies' barrel racing. METRO VANCOUVER

Outfitting a new career

Dress For Success celebrates 10 years of clothing and counselling poor

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When Mary Ann Becher decided to get back into the workforce after a 12-year hiatus, she was held back not by an inability to find a job, but a lack of funds to dress the part.

The single mother, who was on a "very, very low income," was directed to Dress For Success, an organization — celebrating its 10th year in Vancouver — that helps hopeful would-be professionals outfit themselves for a new career.

"I couldn't afford (new clothes)," said Becher, who now works with the Ministry of Child and Family Development and is speaking at the organization's seventh annual fundraising gala on April 21.

"I had a complete and total meltdown in the Bay because I couldn't find anything that was within my budget."

What she found at Dress For Success was more than just clothing, but support, career counselling, and mentorship and networking opportunities.

"It's very humiliating to have to ask for help," said Becher.

"Clothing is a big thing because it boosts your confidence looking like a professional."

Deborah Twockock, executive director of Dress For Success Vancouver, said the program provides modern used workwear, shoes and accessories, as well as unopened makeup and lingerie.

"We had one woman bring back the Anne Klein suit she got here because she got a job in the tech industry and said, 'I don't wear suits and this one brought me luck, so I'm giving it to somebody else,'" Twockock said.

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Mary Ann Becher at the Dress For Success office in Vancouver yesterday. The group helps people on low income — like Becher — build a professional wardrobe before entering the workforce.

Looking sharp

- Dress For Success Vancouver helps around 1,100 women every year.
- It also offers a career centre and the Professional Women's Group, where members can network with other professional women, many of whom work as mentors.
- For more information visit dressforsuccess.org/vancouver.

Robertson issues challenge to St. Louis mayor

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PLAYOFFS Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson has challenged St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay to a mayoral rumble ahead of tonight's first game between the Canucks and the Blues.

Robertson issued the challenge yesterday, when he proclaimed April 14 Canucks Day in Vancouver.

"I'm going to try to make contact with the mayor of St. Louis formally and see if we can come to terms on an appropriate challenge or wager that's official," Robertson said.

"We're going to have to get clear on when it's a boo, when it's a Lu and when it's a Blues," he added.

Members of city council, Canucks owner Francesco Aquilini and team mascot Fin gathered outside city hall yesterday to raise the Canucks flag.

Robertson said by declaring April 14 Canucks Day, the city and its residents are honouring the team, coaches, training staff and Fin for their hard work.

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Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson jokes with Canucks mascot Fin — holding a proclamation declaring April 14 Canucks Day — outside city hall yesterday.

Charges may yet be laid after Tasering incident, Oppal hints

TASER CASE Criminal charges may still be brought against four Mounties who stunned Robert Dziekanski multiple times before his death at Vancouver's airport in 2007, B.C.'s attorney general has hinted.

In December, B.C.'s Criminal Justice Branch (CJB) decided not to press charges against the four officers, ruling that the force used was "reasonable and necessary" for officers "lawfully engaged in their duties."

But in a recent CBC interview, Wally Oppal said nothing was final, particularly with more and more evidence coming forward. It is possible that the CBJ could re-examine the case, he said.

A commission, headed by retired judge Thomas Braidwood, is looking into the circumstances of Dziekanski's death and has heard from each of the officers involved. It has exposed contradictions between their statements and a tourist's video of the altercation. The commission resumed yesterday following a week hiatus.

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Runaway found near SkyTrain

RECOVERED A 10-year-old runaway from Quebec was found crying and frightened outside the Broadway SkyTrain Station, transit police said yesterday.

The child, who called 9-1-1 from a payphone at noon on Friday, had run away earlier in the day and had walked around for hours, unsure where she was. She told officers she had run away from an abusive home.

Further investigation discovered that she was the subject of a parental-abduction investigation in Quebec. She told officers she had moved to B.C. from Quebec some time ago. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

ATTACK An RCMP officer was attacked by a pit bull while responding to a call about an assault in Surrey last weekend. The Mounties and the B.C. SPCA are expected to release more details today.

SENTENCE A man who hit a transit police car while drunk has been given a 10-year driving prohibition and six weeks of house arrest. Gerald R. Obrien, 63, was arrested at the scene on August 2007.

CRIME About 20 teens had a run-in with a group of seniors in a Surrey park, cknw.com reports. According to the RCMP the teens broke some windows at a park facility after being denied access to a washroom. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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What's online today.

Video A gang war and seemingly random murders have some in Vancouver on edge at metronews.ca/canada

Ikea eliminating plastic bags
Ikea is eliminating plastic bags as of July 1. The retailer, with stores in Richmond and Coquitlam, said 82 per cent of its customers supported the move in a survey. METRO VANCOUVER

NDP kicks off election race

Liberals to launch their campaign today with platform release

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The writ is dropped and the stumping has begun as B.C. officially entered election mode yesterday.

"I love campaigning," said New Democratic Party Leader Carole James, as the party launched its "Take Back Your B.C." campaign at a rally at Burnaby's Byrne Creek Secondary.

"I love getting out on the road and meeting British Columbians where they live and where they work."

James, who is touring the province on a bus with a giant photo of herself on it, attacked the Liberals on issues like job losses, crime, homelessness, child poverty, care for seniors and assistance for post-secondary students.

"Gordon Campbell calls that strong," James said. "I call that wrong. I call that a betrayal of the values that built British Columbia."

The opening rally was linked via video to a similar rally at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops. She cited the rally as an example of mixing old and new campaigning techniques.

> **"I love getting out on the road and meeting British Columbians."**
> Carole James, NDP

Rallies, advertisements and door-knocking will be used with social media like Twitter and a soon-to-be-released NDP Internet radio stream. A kick-off rally last night at the Italian Cultural Centre in East Vancouver was live-streamed on the NDP site.

B.C. Liberals, who yesterday began waving placards at the south end of the Burrard Street Bridge, officially kick off their campaign when they unveil their platform this morning in Vancouver. The Greens are also holding a rally in the city this morning.

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New Democrat Party Leader Carole James speaks with reporters outside a Burnaby secondary school yesterday.

Overdue baby eagle hatches on webcam

WILDLIFE An overdue Vancouver Island eaglet hatched yesterday morning live on webcam.

Its two siblings hatched last week as thousands of people watched the nest in Sidney, B.C., online.

For bald eagles it is rare to have three successful hatchlings, according to Karen Bills, spokesperson for the Hancock Wildlife Foundation (HWF).

"This is now two years in a row (with three hatchlings) for this eagle couple," she said.

The Sidney parents first raised their young on camera in 2006. Set up by the non-profit HWF, more than 250,000 people from around the world have flocked to their computer screens to watch the eggs hatch.

At 3:15 yesterday afternoon, the live camera showed one of the parents feeding two of the eaglets. The family appears to be thriving.

Bills added that the youngest eaglet has an unusually strong appetite.

"Typically, the youngest one doesn't eat for 24 hours, but the newborn eaglet ate today," she said.

To view the eagle cam, visit hancockwildlife.org.

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HANCOCK WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

A bald eagle feeds two eaglets in its nest in Sidney, B.C.

News in brief

SHOTS Police were called to a jewelry store near Robson and Hamilton streets yesterday after receiving reports of shots being fired there during an apparent attempted robbery. Police said no one was injured.

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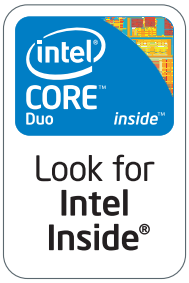

Police release footage in missing girl case
Police in southwestern Ontario have released a video clip that may help identify a woman who led a missing Woodstock, Ont., girl away from her school six days ago. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Drug abuse hitting Prairie towns

The problems of injection drugs and used syringes are well-known in Saskatchewan's larger cities, but smaller northern communities are increasingly seeing them, officials say. Last year, after a drop box for needles was put in a park in La Ronge — a town of about 2,700 people — about 1,200 needles were collected. Workers in the town were also called to pick up a small number of syringes left on the ground last year. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Future of carbon tax hinges on election

British Columbian politicians hit the campaign trail yesterday for the start of a provincial election that could decide the fate of North America's first comprehensive carbon tax.

B.C. is the first province to hold an election since Canada slid into recession, though polls indicate the governing Liberal party is headed for another victory over the New Democratic Party when voters cast their ballots on May 12.

The campaign has created an unusual dilemma for the province's environmental activists. They have traditionally sided with the New Democrats but now object to the NDP's plans to scrap the carbon tax launched by the Liberals last year.

The tax became a lightning rod for criticism when it was launched in July, when energy prices were already at record highs and drivers began paying an additional 2.41 cents on a litre of gasoline.

The NDP's "Axe the Tax" campaign coincided with a rise in the polls that briefly had them neck and neck with the Liberals in November, garnering particular support in rural areas.

The NDP plans to replace the carbon tax with other caps on emissions aimed at industrial sources, but environmental groups complain that will do little to reduce greenhouse gasses and could end up costing jobs.

British Columbia is already part of the Western Climate Initiative, a coalition of U.S. states and Canadian provinces that have agreed to adopt a cap and trade system for carbon emissions starting in 2012.

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How it works

- The tax applies to nearly all fossil fuels, including gasoline and home-heating fuel, starting at $10 per tonne of carbon emissions in 2008 and increasing by $5 a tonne annually for four years.

Manitoba **PM pledges flood assistance**

FRED GREENSLADE/REUTERS

An aerial view shows a house surrounded by water during spring flooding of the Red River near Morris, Man., yesterday. Prime Minster Stephen Harper toured the flooding south of Winnipeg, and said that the government would help out in any way it could.

Foreign spies target Canada: Report

SECRETS Foreign nations have stepped up their efforts to infiltrate Canada and steal valuable industrial, military and commercial secrets, the Canadian spy agency says in its latest annual report.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service also expressed concern about foreign interference in the country's domestic affairs, given Canada's multicultural makeup and large immigrant communities.

The report for the year 2007-2008 was quietly posted on the agency's website earlier this month with no publicity. No one at the agency was immediately available for comment.

Foreign spies are interested in sectors such as agriculture, biotechnology, communications, oil exploitation, mining, aerospace and control systems engineering, the report said.

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Schreiber testimony off to slow start
Karlheinz Schreiber set the stage for a bombshell at an inquiry into his cash dealings with former prime minister Brian Mulroney, saying he would expose "seven scandals in one." Instead, the 75-year-old businessman was taken to task for conflicting statements during his first day of testimony yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Economic woes can't ground space dreams

Men with money were once boys with dreams. Which appears to explain why many dozens of them will defy a recession to defy gravity.

Virgin Galactic, the suborbital subsidiary of audacious tycoon Richard Branson's Virgin Group, sells trips to space to non-astronaut folk for $200,000 US. Fancy-pants rocket notwithstanding, Virgin is not immune to that strong downward pull: sales slowed significantly in 2008, "head of astronaut sales" Carolyn Wincer said yesterday in Toronto.

But only a small handful of the 300-odd people who have made refundable deposits of between $20,000 and the full $200,000 have asked for their money back, Wincer said.

The $200,000 buys a two-hour flight that includes four minutes of weightless floating.

Several other companies, including the DreamSpace of Toronto's Brian Feeney, plan to take tourists into space in the next three to five years. Arizona's RocketShip Tours offers a price of $95,000.

But deep-pocketed Virgin will almost certainly launch first. Richard Laronde, a Virgin Galactic customer, is eagar to go.

"I'm excited," he said. "Let's get moving. Let's go to space."

He will have to wait. When Branson announced the Virgin Galactic venture in 2004, he said the suborbital joy rides might begin in 2008. Delays have pushed the launch date to 2010 at the earliest, more likely 2011.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canadian sailors contact pirates

SOMALIA Canadian sailors made rare and fleeting contact with their pirate foes after responding to a hijacked ship off the coast of Somalia, said senior officials involved in a NATO anti-piracy mission.

Two vessels were successfully taken over yesterday by Somali pirates, while another attack carried out with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons was ultimately unsuccessful.

HMCS Winnipeg was on escort duty in the Gulf of Aden, off the northern Somali coast, around midnight when word first came that a Greek-owned vessel, the MV Irene E.M., was under sneak attack from a band of pirates but they were too far away to respond right away.

At first light the Canadian frigate sent out its Sea King helicopter to locate the hijacked ship. That's when the Canadians made radio contact with the pirates, who said they had taken the ship.

The Sea King continued to track the Greek ship from a distance before handing off observation duties to a European Union ship on patrol in the region.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario nudists face charges

ABUSE A 53-year-old man and a 29-year-old woman are accused of molesting a boy at a Toronto-area nudist park in the 1990s.

Police said the victim became acquainted with the pair and was sexually abused from the age of six to 12, from 1992 to 1998.

The police statement says the two accused were in a relationship and frequented the nudist park, occasionally residing there.

The timeline given would have the female aged 12 to 18 during the time of the alleged offences. The statement didn't clarify when they were in a relationship or if the charges against both cover the entire six-year period.

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Why are cops camera-shy?

Incidents of seized photos, videos should be alarming

TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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A policeman's lot is not a happy one. Gilbert and Sullivan got that right. On the one hand, we expect the thin blue security blanket will keep our streets and homes safe, and maybe that expectation is unrealistic, considering all the sharks and other predators on the prowl these days.

On the other, we depend on police to model saint-like behaviour as they try to control crime, and whenever they go over the line or even come close to it, we all shriek in unison: "police brutality."

As often as not, they go to all that trouble to arrest and charge the bad guys, who just laugh because they know some soft judge will put them back on the street to prey and prey again.

But whatever happens, we should be able to count on the boys and girls in blue to tell the good guys from the bad guys. Here in Vancouver, that's not a sure thing.

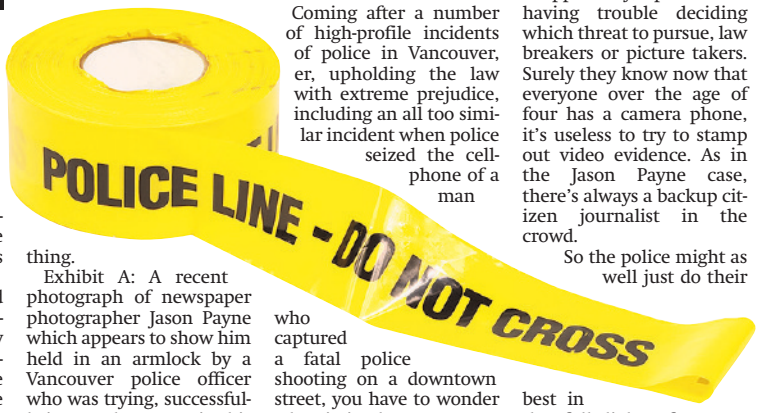

Exhibit A: A recent photograph of newspaper photographer Jason Payne which appears to show him held in an armlock by a Vancouver police officer who was trying, successfully it turned out, to seize his camera. Police said the officer thought the camera captured evidence of police officers shooting a man inside a stolen truck boxed in by police.

To be clear: the officer manhandled a citizen and journalist and confiscated his property, even though the photographer had broken no laws and the officer had no warrant and had not made an arrest. The officer simply took the law into his own hands.

Coming after a number of high-profile incidents of police in Vancouver, er, upholding the law with extreme prejudice, including an all too similar incident when police seized the cellphone of a man who captured a fatal police shooting on a downtown street, you have to wonder what it is about a camera that brings out the worst in our city's finest.

Then, of course, there's the infamous Dziekanski incident, in which RCMP officers Tasered a confused Polish traveller for the crime of brandishing a stapler, then tried to confiscate the cellphone video evidence after the event. But it was too late. That video now stands as tragic witness to police allegedly abusing their power.

Apparently, police are having trouble deciding which threat to pursue, law breakers or picture takers. Surely they know now that everyone over the age of four has a camera phone, it's useless to try to stamp out video evidence. As in the Jason Payne case, there's always a backup citizen journalist in the crowd.

So the police might as well just do their best in the full light of day. Then they never have to worry about who's photographing whom.

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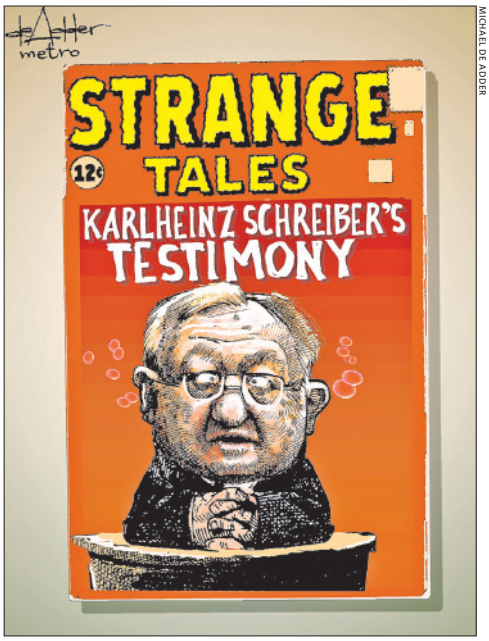

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Word on the street: Twitter, Facebook or MySpace: Which do you prefer and why?

Liz Krebs, age 20, Vancouver
A: I don't use any of those. For a lot of people, there's no escaping it, but I prefer good old fashioned, face-to-face communication.

Jon Amar, age 25, Vancouver
A: I prefer Facebook by far. I haven't used Twitter yet, but I know a lot of people who do and I've become intrigued by it.

Hannah Nelson-Teutsch, age 22, Vancouver
A: I don't use any. I'm the last non-user.

Krystal St. Laurent, age 20, Ottawa
A: I use Facebook because it's the best for creeping people who ask you out.

Sara Tchoryk, age 24, Montreal
A: I only use Facebook. I've never been on the other ones.

Vincent Goreham, age 24, Halifax
A: The only one I use is Facebook. I don't have a smartphone for Twitter. The only time I use MySpace is to check out bands.

Letters

Euro comparison flawed

Re: Reforming health care means reforming illusions

Although we agree with Dr. Keith Martin, member of Parliament from B.C., that Canadian health care needs to be improved, there is no evidence to support his assertion that more private competition is the best solution. In fact, Europe has produced much evidence to the contrary.

Governments in Canada spend less on health care than most European countries. Dr. Martin's comment that Canada spends more on health care than the average European country, although true, is misleading because the private sector in Canada spends more on health care than in many European countries according to the OECD.

Dr. Martin glosses over debates raging in many European countries about the integration of private and public services. For example, in one of France's national newspapers, three doctors recently pointed out that increased competition in the hospital sector has resulted in exorbitant extra-billing. According to a French official equivalent to our auditor general, the extra-billing has reached €2 billion ($3.3 billion) a year. Documents filed by the government of British Columbia during the court case with owners of private for-profit clinics reveal that extra-billing will also be part of Canada's future if there is increased private-sector involvement in health care.

We all know that Canadian health care is far from perfect. Dr. Martin is right to push for change, but we strongly disagree with his prescription. The evidence in Canada, Europe and the United States shows that it is within the publicly funded, not-for-profit health system that Canadians get the best value for money. Let's stick with evidence-based solutions that will benefit all Canadians, not just those who can afford to pay.

LINDA SILAS, PRESIDENT, CANADIAN FEDERATION OF NURSES UNIONS, KAAREN NEUFELD, PRESIDENT CANADIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION FOR NURSES FOR MEDICARE, AND DR. DANIELLE MARTIN, CHAIR, CANADIAN DOCTORS FOR MEDICARE

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Sharia law imposed in Pakistan's Swat valley to appease Taliban 9

Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari, under pressure from conservatives, has imposed Islamic law in the northwestern Swat valley as part of a deal to end Taliban violence. REUTERS

World

France seeks to stop forced marriages

France launched a new campaign to warn potential victims of forced marriages and female genital mutilation yesterday, with stark posters and booklets showing a wedding ring made of barbed wire.

France is home to an estimated 55,000 victims of female genital mutilation, mostly of African origin, and some 70,000 young women at risk of being forced into marriage, government officials said.

European nations have ramped up efforts to protect girls of Asian, Middle Eastern or African descent who are lured abroad and married off.

Victims of genital mutilation are often children of primary school age subjected to the ordeal during holidays, activists said. The operation is meant to ensure a woman's chastity and improve her chances of finding a husband.

France plans to distribute more than 100,000 booklets providing legal and medical advice and contacts for victims, doctors and social workers.

"The booklets are useful for people who can read and write, but the majority of parents I talk to are illiterate," said Khady Koita, head of the European network against female genital mutilation. REUTERS

Saudi regulation

- Saudi Arabia will regulate marriages of young girls after a court refused to nullify the marriage of an eight-year-old to a 58-year-old man.

Mexico **Extraordinary seizure**

DANIEL AGUILAR/REUTERS

Mexican federal police present weapons and ammunition along with Anahi Beltran, 20, whom they arrested during their seizure, in Mexico City yesterday. Beltran was caught near the U.S. border allegedly guarding an extraordinary arsenal of weapons — including an anti-aircraft gun, the first of its kind seized in Mexico — allegedly belonging to the powerful Beltran Leyva drug cartel.

Somali pirates seize 2 ships, attack 2 more

INDIAN OCEAN Somali pirates hijacked two more cargo vessels and opened fire on two more yesterday, including a U.S.-flagged ship.

The capture of the Greek-owned MV Irene E.M. and Togo-flagged MV Sea Horse showed pirates have not been deterred by two raids in which U.S. and French forces killed five pirates.

NATO officials said a Portuguese warship received a pre-dawn distress call from the Irene E.M. The East African Seafarers' Assistance Programme said the ship's 22 Filipino crew members were all unharmed.

Hours later, the MV Sea Horse was seized about 143 kilometres off Somalia by pirates on board three or four skiffs.

Pirates yesterday attacked the Liberty Sun, a U.S.-flagged cargo ship, with rockets and grenades. The pirates were unable to board, and the ship was placed under U.S. military escort.

Earlier in the day, the Liberian-flagged Safmarine Asia was similarly attacked, but the ship was able to escape. REUTERS

North Korea orders nuclear watchdogs out

PYONGYANG North Korea yesterday ordered International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors out of the country and said it would resume making weapons-grade plutonium, the UN nuclear watchdog said.

Pyongyang acted after declaring it would leave six-party talks on long-term nuclear disarmament in the country and reactivate its nuclear-weapons plant in response to a UN rebuke over its launching of a long-range rocket. REUTERS

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Vale Inco begins work on nickel processing plant

Despite the global economic chill, mining giant Vale Inco is pushing ahead with a $2.2-billion plan to build a nickel processing plant in southern Newfoundland. Work on the Long Harbour site formally started Monday, launching a four-year construction plan that will need a peak of 1,600 workers by 2011. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Business

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Rescue is working: Obama

But U.S. data on falling retail sales cause stocks to drop

U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday his economic measures were starting to work, but government data showed an unexpected 1.1 per cent drop in U.S. retail sales in March and U.S. stocks retreated sharply.

Goldman Sachs sold $5 billion US of stock, a day after the bank sparked confidence by beating forecasts with its first-quarter profit, saying it wanted to pay back $10 billion in government bailout money it does not need.

But a source said the U.S. Treasury was worried Goldman's repayment could make other banks appear weak.

In Europe, disappointing earnings for Dutch electronics giant Philips added to evidence the recession was still taking its toll, while Swiss bank UBS was set to cut more jobs.

Obama said moves to recapitalize banks, strengthen the housing market and rescue the auto sector were "necessary pieces of the recovery puzzle."

"And taken together, these actions are starting to generate signs of economic progress," he said.

But White House economic adviser Christina Romer said the economy was still contracting.

"We know the economy's still sick," Romer told NBC television.

U.S. stocks were around two per cent lower as the poor numbers for retail sales and producer prices offset better-than-expected quarterly results from health-care group Johnson & Johnson.

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Bernanke hopeful

- U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said yesterday the latest figures on housing and consumer spending suggest a rapid contraction in the economy could be easing.

New York **Waiting and hoping**

CHIP EAST/REUTERS

Trading specialist John Cetera of Hamilton Executions LLC works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

Telus to spend $700M in Alberta

TELECOM Telus Corp., Canada's No. 2 phone company, plans to spend more than $700 million this year on building telecom infrastructure in Alberta, the company said yesterday.

Telus said that its Alberta spending will focus mostly on advanced wireless and wireline broadband technology.

It said the investment, which is in line with its overall capital expenditure outlook for 2009, is expected to support more than 2,100 jobs. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

ENERGY Many power developers say a proposed green-energy purchase program in Ontario makes unrealistic assumptions about the cost of financing projects and appears unlikely to stimulate much investment or job creation.

MEDIA Canwest Global Communications Corp. yesterday announced yet another extension to lender talks until April 21, just as Moody's Investors Service downgraded Canwest Media Inc.

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Beckett suspended six games
Boston Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett has been suspended six games and fined by Major League Baseball for intentionally throwing near the head of the Los Angeles Angels' Bobby Abreu last week. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Zeke gets another coaching gig

Former Toronto Raptors VP and New York Knicks president and coach Isiah Thomas was hired by Florida International University yesterday to coach its men's basketball team. The Knicks finished 23-59 a year a go, prompting Thomas' firing. They never won a playoff game in his stay as president or coach, and his overall record in New York was 56-108.

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Wings look to give Motown a morale boost

The Detroit Red Wings will try to give Motor City spirits another boost when they launch the defence of their Stanley Cup crown tomorrow against the Columbus Blue Jackets.

The Red Wings' march to the Stanley Cup last year provided one of the few feel-good moments for the battered city and another championship parade would no doubt help lift the mood of Detroiters, who are at ground zero of an economic meltdown that has crippled the auto industry and sent unemployment soaring.

Even in the city known as Hockeytown U.S.A., sell-outs are no longer guaranteed and the champions are bracing for the possibility of empty seats at Joe Louis Arena. REUTERS

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Here we go ... head to head

ToulBox

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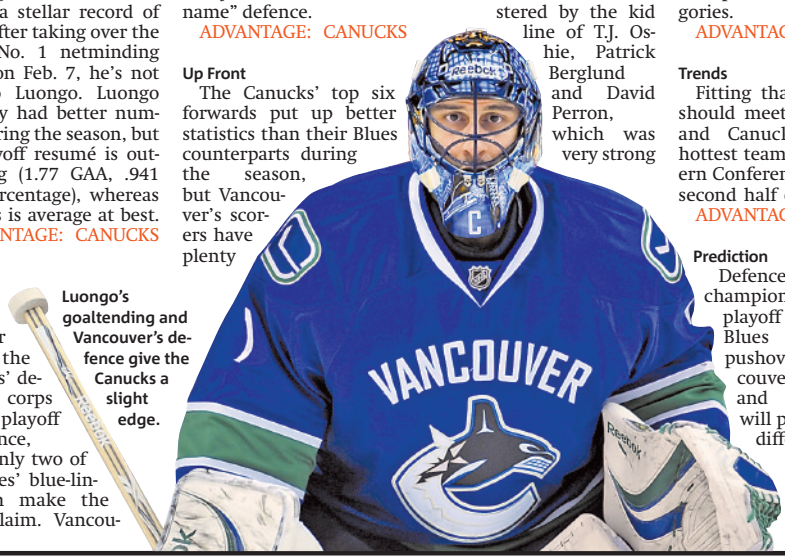
Vancouver has won both previous playoff meetings with St. Louis, winning each series in seven games. The most recent victory came in the spring of 2003 when the Canucks rallied from a 3-1 series deficit to upend a flu-ridden Blues club.

Between the Pipes
Though Chris Mason posted a stellar record of 20-7-4 after taking over the Blues' No. 1 netminding duties on Feb. 7, he's not Roberto Luongo. Luongo not only had better numbers during the season, but his playoff resumé is outstanding (1.77 GAA, .941 save percentage), whereas Mason's is average at best.
ADVANTAGE: CANUCKS

Rear Guards
Every member of the Canucks' defensive corps boasts playoff experience, while only two of the Blues' blue-liners can make the same claim. Vancouver's contingent also allowed fewer goals during the regular season and contributed more offensively than St. Louis' "no-name" defence.
ADVANTAGE: CANUCKS

Up Front
The Canucks' top six forwards put up better statistics than their Blues counterparts during the season, but Vancouver's scorers have plenty to prove. The Sedins, Ryan Kesler and Alex Burrows are virtually void of playoff production at this point, while Mats Sundin and Pavol Demitra must live up to their productive reputations from playoffs past. St. Louis counters with snipers Brad Boyes and David Backes, veteran forward Keith Tkachuk, and underrated playmaker Andy Macdonald. The Blues have also been bolstered by the kid line of T.J. Oshie, Patrick Berglund and David Perron, which was very strong down the stretch.
SLIGHT ADVANTAGE: CANUCKS

Luongo's goaltending and Vancouver's defence give the Canucks a slight edge.



Special Teams
The Blues hold a distinct edge in this department. Their power play ranked eighth in the NHL during the regular season and their penalty kill was third best in the entire league. By contrast, the Canucks finished in the middle of the pack in both categories.
ADVANTAGE: BLUES

Trends
Fitting that these clubs should meet as the Blues and Canucks were the hottest teams in the Western Conference during the second half of the season.
ADVANTAGE: EVEN

Prediction
Defence not only wins championships, it wins playoff series. The Blues are no pushovers, but Vancouver's back end and goaltending will prove to be the difference.

CANUCKS IN SIX

Islanders win draft lottery

NHL The New York Islanders won the NHL's draft lottery last night and will have the top selection in Montreal on June 26. It appears that they'll have to choose between highly touted centre John Tavares and Swedish defenceman Victor Hedman. Under the lottery system, only the five teams with the fewest points had the chance to win the first overall selection. No team could have moved up more than four spots, and no team could have slid backward more than one. METRO NEWS SERVICES

NHL Draft lottery
Last night's results

1. New York Islanders
2. Tampa Bay Lightning
3. Colorado Avalanche
4. Atlanta Thrashers
5. Los Angeles Kings
6. Phoenix Coyotes
7. Toronto Maple Leafs
8. Dallas Stars
9. Ottawa Senators
10. Edmonton Oilers
11. Nashville Predators
12. Minnesota Wild
13. Buffalo Sabres
14. Florida Panthers

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UEFA Chelsea, Barca advance

RYAN PIERSE/GETTY IMAGES

Didier Drogba of Chelsea celebrates after tying Liverpool 4-4 in a Champions League Quarter-Final Second Leg yesterday. Liverpool was ousted 7-5 on aggregate, and two-time champion Barcelona advanced past Bayern Munich after a 1-1 draw. Chelsea now meets Barcelona in the semis.

Sports in brief

BOXING Former boxing champion Oscar De La Hoya announced his retirement yesterday in Los Angeles. De La Hoya, a 10-time champion in six different weight classes, ends his brilliant career with a 39-6-0 record and 30 KO's. De La Hoya won titles in the super featherweight, lightweight, light welterweight, welterweight, light middleweight and middleweight divisions.

HOCKEY Joey Hishon scored twice as Canada earned a berth in the semifinal of the world under-18 hockey championship with a 4-2 win over Sweden yesterday.

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iMiEV going global

After months of speculation, Mitsubishi Motors has announced that its pure electric, four-passenger iMiEV will be sold globally, including Canada and the U.S, Canadian Driver reports. The iMiEV will be on Canadian roads as early as November 2009 as part of a pilot project in British Columbia, according to Mitsubishi. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Mazda6 a winner

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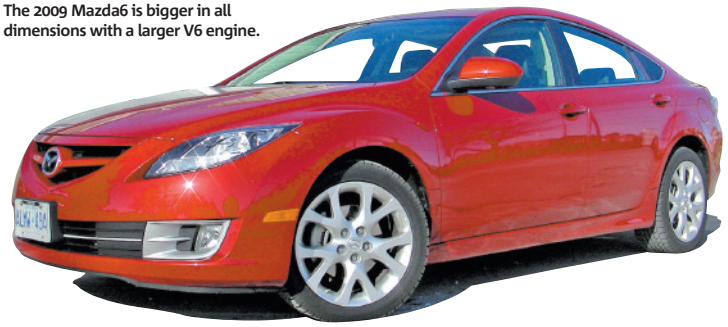
for Metro Canada

The 2009 Mazda6 is bigger in all dimensions with a larger V6 engine.



Getting there, as they say, is half the fun.

On a recent family excursion to the Algonquin Park area for a few days vacation, I booked a 2009 Mazda6 GT V6 because it was a double standout last year.

It won its category (Best New Family Car, $22,000-$30,000) at the annual Automotive Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) Car of the Year awards. Then it almost took the overall COTY title losing by one, single point to the Hyundai Genesis.

The 2009 model is easily the best-looking Mazda6 yet.

From the front fenders back, you can see how the lines in some of Mazda's recent concepts were moulded into the overall structure. An example is a very subtle and elegant "S" curve that flows from the high point of the roof down and back to the tip of the rear deck.

But the most pronounced feature of the external styling is the way the front fenders flare out like wings, and along with the five-point grille, gives the car the look of a broad arrow. Starting with the RX-8 sportscar then the CX-7 CUV and more recently the 2010 Mazda3, this is now the signature styling cue for the entire model lineup.

The 2009 Mazda6 is larger than the previous version in every dimension. Wheelbase is lengthened by 115 mm; overall length is greater by 195 mm, while overall width is increased by 60 mm.

Both front and rear occupants benefit from more headroom, shoulder room, and legroom. Cargo capacity has grown by 39 litres to 469 litres. That 10 per cent increase in cargo volume results in a very high trunk deck.

There is a drawback. In creating all that trunk room the high deck lid makes reversing problematic. Ergo, you will have to be very careful when backing up not to hit objects like posts. There is no parking assist audible warning available.

The steering wheel has a nice feel to it and the instruments, with amber and violet display hues, are easy on the eyes.

Tested here is the GT V6, and my wife, son and I each drove the car and found the power driver's seat could be adjusted for three very different body shapes. The best past is, with three memory settings, all of us could be happy.

One of Mazda's prime objectives was to include "Zoom, Zoom" in the ride and handling. In other words, the 2009 Mazda6 had to have the "soul of a sports car."

What stuck out was the small turning circle, making steering and parking much easier than a lot of other front-drivers.

We all commented on the big brakes that are very solid in actuation that leads to a feel of confidence behind the wheel.

My tester was equipped with the blind spot system that lit up an icon in either mirror each time a car came into the blind spot zone.

It also lets out an audible beep if you move into another lane and a car is in the blind spot.

2009 Mazda6 GT V6

Type: Mid-size sedan
Price: GS I4, $22,695; GS V6, $27,695; GT I4, $27,695; GT V6, $33,495. GT V6 as tested, $35,460
Engine: 2.5-litre, DOHC inline four-cylinder (170 hp, 167 lf/ft) 3.7-litre DOHC V6 (272 hp, 269 lb/ft)

Highlights

- New model larger than previous incarnation
- Blind spot warning system

The interior of the 2009 Mazda6 (GT V6 shown) borrows a lot of the flagship CX-9.

Read the column at metronews.ca/autopilot

Across Rockies on a tank of gas

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

Sure, it was an effective way to showcase a fuel-efficient vehicle and an eco-friendly blend of gas, but one big reason why four men drove two cars from Calgary to Vancouver on single tanks of gas was simply to stroke the male ego.

Last year, Halifax Volkswagen dealer Mike Velemirovich drove a Volkswagen TDI more than 1,100 kilometres from Halifax to Montreal to see his favourite hockey team play, the Canadiens.

This year, Calgary Volkswagen dealer Jerry Sturko challenged him to a repeat, but this time from Calgary to Vancouver to catch a Flames-Canucks game.

"I said to him, 'Well, (driving from Halifax to Montreal) is not bad, I guess, but the real test would be to take these TDIs over the Rocky Mountains (from Calgary) to Vancouver,'" said Sturko.

"It kind of grew out of guys being guys, basically, into the idea of doing this on a scale to really test and showcase the vehicles," said James Tansey, one of the four drivers and president of Offsetters, a Vancouver-based company that works to reduce climate impact.

Along with Vancouver Volkswagen dealer Jim Tompkins, a consultant and a videographer, the group — dressed in hockey and referee jerseys — met in Calgary and piled into two Volkswagen TDIs at 4:30 a.m. on April 7.

Running on a blend of diesel and five per cent biodiesel, the two cars arrived in Vancouver 15 hours later — just in time to see the Canucks defeat the Flames.

"We (used) less than five litres per 100 kilometres, which is about double the fuel efficiency of the average North American fleet," said Tansey, who also emphasized the importance of driving intelligently by not accelerating and breaking hard.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

(Left to right) Mike Velemirovich, Jim Tompkins, James Tansey and Jerry Sturko in Stanley Park last week. The group drove from Calgary to Vancouver on one tank of gas, and in time to catch the night's Calgary Flames-Vancouver Canucks game.

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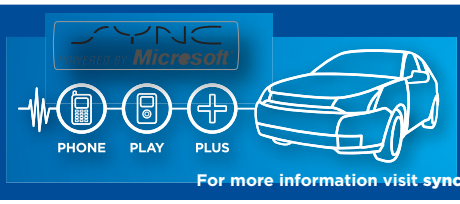

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Helping out a biscuit at a time

The non-profit BC SPCA Biscuit Fund strives to help animals in sad situations. Named after Biscuit, a dog that was stabbed and left for dead but managed to make to a family who brough him to the BC SPCA where he was treated and harbours no grudges against humans whatsoever, the fund just recently topped $500,000 in donations. To donate and help other pets that are in need, visit spca.bc.ca/biscuit. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The four legs of the law

Humane Society worker Tre Smith tells Metro about his calling

Paws and **Claws**

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Like any skilled investigator, Tre Smith follows up leads, collects evidence, pursues suspects and upholds the law — his clients just tend to have four legs instead of two.

As a senior agent and lead investigator for the Toronto Humane Society, Smith roots out incidents of animal cruelty and makes sure perpetrators get punished and animal victims get the care they deserve.

Animal cruelty is a criminal offence under the Criminal Code of Canada, with punishments of hefty fines and up to five years in jail possible for the worst offenders, making investigators like Smith an important part of law enforcement.

Despite all the terrible things he sees on the job — pets who have been beaten, stabbed, punched, hit with hammers or just left in life-threatening heat inside a car — Smith, 38, says all of it is worth it for the chance to rescue animals in need.

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Humane Society worker Tre Smith seen here with a Shih-Tzu puppy in front of a wall of posters for missing pets.

"It's a horrible feeling to come across an animal in a bad situation. Emotionally, your guts inside are just churning but the best thing about my job is to see that animal walk out the front door, wagging its tail, going home with a family that's going to give it the love it deserves. It's such a feeling of accomplishment," Smith said.

Smith's office gets 4,000 calls and tip-offs each year about potential animal cruelty and while he says some end up being revenge calls from ex-spouses or disgruntled neighbours, the majority end up being legitimate. His most famous case, which garnered media attention two summers ago, involved a Rottweiler named Cyrus who was locked inside a car, which a Good Samaritan reported.

"You just know you're doing something right."
Humane Society worker Tre Smith

When Smith arrived he found the dog slumped over, foaming at the mouth and minutes away from death inside a car that read 73 degrees Celsius on Smith's handheld temperature gauge. Smith smashed the window to get the dog out and the owner eventually plead guilty to animal cruelty. Cyrus has since recovered and now lives with a foster family.

Smith's uniform is not just for show — along with pepper spray and a baton he carries for defence, the bullet-proof Kevlar vest he wears reveals a more dangerous side to his job than many people would expect.

"When I roll up to tell somebody to do something with their dog, it's not always warmly received," Smith said.

Smith got his law and criminology degree from York University and worked volunteer law enforcement and private security positions for years before joining the Humane Society as an investigator. As an avid animal lover and dog owner himself, he says keeping animals safe is something that runs in his blood.

"It's a calling in life that's hard to explain to those who don't have it. You just know you're doing something right," he said.

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Gizmo is a one-year-old Yorkshire Terrier-Chihuahua mix.

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Forty years of problem pups

Paws and **Claws**

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Training reckless dogs to be obedient sounds like a harsh job but it's a labour of love for champion dog trainer Wolfram Klose.

Nicknamed "Wolf" by his friends and family, the 68-year-older owner of Havelberg Dog Academy has trained dogs for Hollywood movies and CBC television productions and has won his share of dog training awards.

Born in communist East Germany, Klose, escaped across the border when he was 17 to find adventure in the West. He worked as a police officer for several years before coming to Canada with his wife in the 1960s.

A lifelong dog lover, Klose opened Havelberg Dog Academy in 1968 on an empty, treeless plot of land and building the academy from the ground up by himself. Today, the academy still sits on that same plot of land in Orono, Ont., and now includes a zoological park, a pet cemetery and a bed and breakfast. Klose still trains dogs in the original kennels he built more than 40 years ago and says the secret to treating disobedient dogs is to be firm but fair.

"Most dogs are spoiled because their owners let them get away with murder. You have to be fair to the dog but still control them. I treat every dog as if they're the only dog in the world," Klose said.

He says he's frustrated at people who use spiked collars on their dog and pull too hard on choke-chains because such methods are inhumane and counter-productive. He suggests kind contact is the best habit to develop when training a dog, as it teaches the animal to wait for an owner's permission before doing things.

"If you pull the dog and don't pet it, that's abuse. You have to treat the dog more personally. Once they trust you, you can control them and correct them," Klose said.

Klose's first job in Canada was as a machine operator because he couldn't speak any English. He quickly realized he could make more money training just two dogs at a time than he could working 40-hour weeks for a whole month doing machining, so he sold his house and devoted himself to training dogs.

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Dog trainer Wolfram Klose and Pepper

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Inflation blamed for rising cost of McGill hospital project

Top officials with the McGill University Health Centre say industry-specific inflation alone is responsible for the $700-million increase in the price tag of the future university-affiliated hospital, not mismanagement, as was suggested by Quebec's auditor general. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Office romance a tricky biz

WorkplaceLaw

For Stan van Woerkens, the Garden of Eden simply had too many forbidden fruits. Hired to manage at Marriott's Renaissance Vancouver Hotel, Woerkens' career was on the up and up. But life can be lonely at the top. When he confused a subordinate's flirtations with sexual advances, Woerkens' behaviour at the company's holiday party became more than a forbidden dalliance — it was the recipe for disaster.

As the most senior employee at the annual holiday party, Woerkens acted as the host and master of ceremonies. The evening began with a champagne reception and ended with an after-party at the hotel for a small group of staff. According to Woerkens, as the evening progressed, one of the female associates came on to him. She sat on his lap at the party and danced suggestively with him after dinner, inviting him to her room.

When the main party died down, a group of employees, including Woerkens and the associate, went up to one of the hotel's rooms for an after-party. Woerkens said that he may have inadvertently touched her when the two were standing alone in the bathroom. She remembered the event differently. According to her, Woerkens pushed her against a counter, kissed and then fondled her. The two left the party separately and Woerkens later called her room.

The evening ended uneventfully. It wasn't until later that the associate, believing she had been drugged and taken advantage of, filed a complaint against Woerkens.

Without any advance notice of the complaint or an investigation, Woerkens was called into an office and accused of sexual assault. Pressing him for a confession, Marriott's senior investigator told Woerkens there was video evidence supporting the complaint. Woerkens denied he had done anything wrong and took his time preparing a written statement responding to the allegations but omitting any mention of having been alone at the after-party with the complainant or later calling her.

Deferring to the investigator's recommendations, Marriott's general manager concluded that Woerkens had inappropriately touched the female employee and lied during the ensuing investigation. He then fired Woerkens for cause.

Arguing that he was a victim of a flawed investigation and denying that he had done anything wrong, Woerkens recently sued Marriott for wrongful dismissal.

The court concluded that Woerkens' recollection of the events did not carry the conviction of truth. Since he knew that the complainant was intoxicated, it was likely that Woerkens fondled her at the after-party and later called her room, interested in pursuing a "sexual escapade," according to Justice Paul Pearlman, who presided over the case.

When the conduct complained of involves a manager and a subordinate employee, Canadian courts continue to apply a liberal definition to the meaning of harassment. In upholding Woerkens' dismissal, the court found that his behaviour at the party amounted to sexual harassment and that it was no defence for him to rely on a clearly flawed investigation into the events. Woerkens' actions, whether they were welcome or not, coupled with his dishonesty during the ensuing investigation, were enough to sway the court's view.

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CÉLIA PEDROSO
Metro World News

Lisbon is one of the few European capitals that can boast excellent beaches only a 15-minute car ride away. Golden beaches stretch out either side of the River Tagus, the river that flows by Portugal's capital city before joining the sea.

During the day locals come to sunbathe in the dunes, stroll on the beach and lunch al fresco, and by night they let their hair down in the buzzing bars and discos. Now that smoking has been banned in restaurants and bars, Lisbon's party people have even more reason to spend their summer in these open-air playgrounds, with the sea as their backdrop. Here's our guide to the hottest beach bars on the Lisbon coast.

For three years, Delmare Café has been one of the most popular places on the Costa da Caparica.

ON THE SOUTH BANK: COSTA DA CAPARICA

Delmare Café: Surf and fun

For the past three years Delmare Café has been one of the most popular places to hang out on the Costa da Caparica. During the day this restaurant and bar is a welcoming place for bathers and surfers from the café's surf school looking for a refreshing fruit juice or lunch of salad or fresh, grilled fish. The party moves to the beach in the evening, with DJs and live music late into the night. Fridays and Saturdays are particularly crowded, with an influx of younger customers. (Praia Cabana do Pescador, Costa da Caparica, delmare-cafe.com)

Borda D'Água: Juices, milkshakes and loungers

This is one of the hottest destinations on the Costa da Caparica — especially with the Lisbon residents who endure long lines of traffic to get there. Have a sandwich or salad for lunch on the terrace, or move onto their part of the beach where you can relax on a lounger with a caipirinha, morangosca, sangria, natural juices or milkshakes in the shade of a straw umbrella. Borda d'Água becomes especially charming in the early evening, when you can dine on fresh grilled fish as you watch the dazzling sun set into the sea. Enjoy the cool tunes and a drink while you're cradled by the warm breeze. (Praia Morena — Costa da Caparica, bordadagua.com.pt)

ON THE NORTH BANK: CASCAIS

Bar do Guincho: Windsurf and sangria

Open all year long, the Bar do Guincho is a Cascais hotspot in winter and summer. Guincho beach is a "sanctuary" for windsurf and surf lovers, with refreshing but angry waves from March to October, and the best conditions for windsurfing in July and August. Bar do Guincho is a haven for surfers with a shop, lockers and a large terrace for drinks, dinner and parties with DJs and live music. Sandwiches and toasts are a must, as are the salads and shellfish dishes. Try the house cocktail "Bar do Guincho," with Baileys and Coconut Shake, the caipirinhas and the white and the green wines. (Guincho-Cascais, bardoguincho.pt)

Bafureira: Sushi and caipirinhas

This bar-restaurant on Bafureira beach, S. Pedro do Estoril is famous for its caipirinhas, morangostas and mojitos. You can also enjoy a late dinner of delicious tapas and grilled fish and shellfish dishes or Japanese food at Sushinalinha, as their kitchens are open until 2 a.m.

A fabulous setting for a glass of local wine in the late afternoon with a view over Cascais Bay, the Bafureira has terraces on two floors with wooden chairs and tables, and chaise-longues with extra-comfortable ergonomic mattresses. It is a good spot for thirtysomethings and is easy to get by train, from Lisbon. (Praia da Bafureira, S.Pedro do Estoril. bafureira.net)

Bar do Guincho, open all year long, is a Cascais hotspot in winter and summer. LEFT: This bar-restaurant on Bafureira beach, S. Pedro do Estoril, is famous for its late-night dinners of delicious tapas and grilled fish — the kitchen's open until 2 a.m.

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A private romance

Cayo Espanto (aprivateisland.com), the ultra all-inclusive private island resort off the east coast of Belize, has announced a new package for the summer. For stays from June 1 to Aug. 31, Cayo Espanto is offering the seven-night Ultimate Romance Package for $7,995 per couple. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Feats for the fierce and fearless

These adventures are guaranteed to test your limits ... and your bladder control

If you're an adrenaline junkie looking for heart-stopping, jaw-dropping thrills and spills, check out these daring activities offered around the world:

Zambezi Swing

The Zambezi Swing, in the quaint town of Livingstone, Zambia, offers up an extreme activity similar to bungee jumping. Adventurers are outfitted in gear, secured to a wire and led to a platform from which they free fall 50 metres — and then finish with a pendulum swing at 120 kilometres per hour across the Batoka Gorge.

Zambia is one of the only places in the world that offers a gorge swing experience. It's perfect for adventure seekers keen on testing their nerves and bladder control. Visit thezambeziswing.com.

Mono-bob

At the ski resort of La Plagne, located opposite the Mont-Blanc and Beaufortain ranges in France, visitors can experience the mono-bob, a single-seater, self-steering bobsled. This "sports car of the ice" can reach up to speeds over 90 kilometres per hour, weaving downhill along an outdoor track with sharp turns. Visit la-plagne.com for more information.

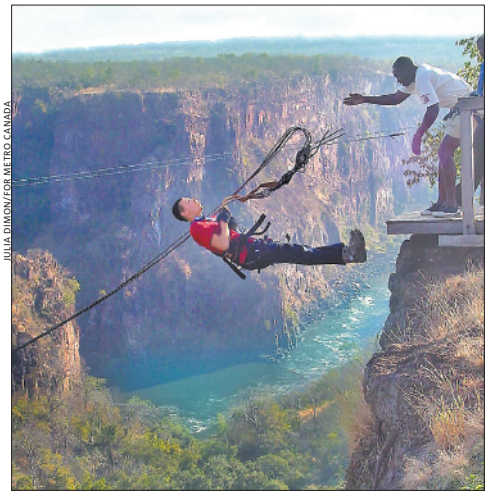
Zero Gravity

Incredible Adventures, a company offering once-in-a-lifetime specialized tours, offers wannabe astronauts the chance to experience the sensation of space travel. Just head to the tour's home base at Florida's Kennedy Space Center, hop aboard a NASA-approved Boeing 727 and enjoy the feeling of weightlessness as the pilots go through a series of manoeuvres that counter the forces of gravity. You'll flip and float through the cabin, just like the real deal. The two hour program is $5,197 US per person. Check out incredible-adventures.com.

Macau Tower jump

Those who are brave enough to take on the world's highest bungee jump should head to Macau, a casino-clad city just a short trip from Hong Kong.

From the 61st floor of the Macau Tower platform, jumpers will plummet 233 metres towards the earth at 200 kilometres per hour in a wicked, gut-wrenching free fall. This operation is owned by A.J. Hackett, dubbed the "father of bungee jumping," who manages adrenaline-based activities all over the world. See macau-world.com.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Jumping off of the Zambezi Swing in Livingstone, Zambia.

Zorbing

Rotorua, the adventure capital of New Zealand's North Island, is a dream for adventure seekers. Along with other activities, local companies offer a unique phenomenon called Zorbing. Originating in New Zealand in the 1990s, Zorbing has people strapped into enormous clear plastic balls, rolling down a grass-covered slope at speeds of up to 30 kilometres per hour.

Throw a few buckets of water inside the hamster-like ball and you have what is known as liquid Zorbing.

For around $50, you can tumble downhill and understand what it must feel like to be a loose sock trapped in a washing machine. See zorb.co.nz.

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Wahlberg, Franco join Date Night
Mark Wahlberg and James Franco have just signed on to a new film and they join an impressive group of co-stars. They have been cast in the comedy Date Night, which stars Steve Carell and Tina Fey as a married couple, Variety reports. MSN.COM

Entertainment

Family Gal
Lauren Conrad has landed a new role — as the girlfriend of a dog on the hit animated comedy Family Guy. Conrad plays herself in the episode, in which she dates family dog Brian. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Films break the news

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

As newsrooms slowly die across the country, one journalist is hunting for the killer. Well, a killer. In Russell Crowe's new movie, State of Play, he stars as a grizzled hack dodging bullets to track down a murderer, rekindling our love affair with silver screen ink slingers in the process.

Anne McNeilly, assistant professor of journalism at Ryerson University, thinks movies set in newsrooms are so popular because the work itself is exhilarating.

"As soon as news happens anywhere, you know about it first. 9/11, how exciting was that? A hostage taking downtown, you know about in a second. It's a buzz."

McNeilly started in small papers before working 25 years for the Globe & Mail and Ottawa Citizen. It was movies like All The President's Men that drew her to newspapers.

"Journalists get hooked on that adrenaline rush, because it's like a drug. You get so addicted you can't leave the biz," she explains. That excitement translates to the viewer.

"I love movies about newsrooms," she says, citing His Girl Friday and Deadline USA as favourites.

"What's so unnerving (at Ryerson) is that lots of the students now have never heard of Woodward and Bernstein. They don't even know what Watergate is," she says. "They brought down a president! What's a bigger story than that?"

While her students retain some of the idealism of previous generations, they are already jaded and prefer a different kind of fictional news hound. "They like Jon Stewart or Rick Mercer. Some of them think what they are doing is journalism."

Richard Crouse, Metro's movie columnist, cites All the President's Men and another Crowe movie, The Insider, as great examples of the genre.

"The reporters in these films act as surrogates for the viewer. They ask the questions the viewer would ask," he explains. "You've got newspapers who are bringing down big, evil corporations or taking on city hall and winning. It really appeals to people."

Crouse highlights Billy Wilder's 1951 movie Ace in the Hole as a newsroom flick that got too close to the truth. Kirk Douglas plays an out-of-luck journalist who risks lives to stretch a news story that could save his career in Wilder's follow-up to Sunset Boulevard.

"It's a terrific movie, but it bombed really badly," he says. "Movie historians think the journalists who were reviewing the film were so offended by it that they trashed it."

GLEN WILSON PHOTOS

Russell Crowe and Rachel McAdams star in State of Play, a political thriller about a rising politician and an investigative journalist embroiled in a case of seemingly unrelated murders.

All the news that's fit to film

Looking to investigate the journalism-on-film genre a little more closely? Here are Metro's suggestions:

- Shattered Glass
- The Killing Fields
- The Paper
- All the President's Men
- Broadcast News
- The Insider
- Absence of Malice
- Good Night and Good Luck
- Salvador
- Wag the Dog
- Blood Diamonds
- Capote
- Citizen Kane
- The China Syndrome
- The Year of Living Dangerously

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Movie **feature**

Friends unveil star for George Harrison

Former Beatle George Harrison received a posthumous star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame yesterday, with a little help from such friends as Paul McCartney, Eric Idle and Tom Hanks.

As about one thousand fans looked on, Harrison's star was unveiled outside the landmark Capitol Records tower by his Los Angeles-born widow Olivia and 30-year-old son Dhani.

"He was a beautiful, mystical man living in a material world, and he was as funny as the day is long, and just as perplexing," Olivia said. "George, this day is for you."

Added Hanks, "All things must pass, sure. But George is going to live forever."

Harrison died of cancer in 2001, aged 58. Idle, a member of the Monty Python comedy troupe, noted that Harrison actually drew his last breath in McCartney's Los Angeles home, "and it's one of the reasons I won't go and stay with John Cleese."

McCartney did not speak to the crowd, but instead rubbed Olivia Harrison's shoulders, joked with Dhani and waved to fans.

Other guests included Jeff Lynne and Tom Petty, who played with Harrison in the Traveling Wilburys, Eagles guitarist Joe Walsh, producer T-Bone Burnett, and Olivia's sister Linda Arias.

Capitol, which paid $25,000 US to the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for the star, said it would release a hits collection spanning Harrison's solo career on June 16.

Let It Roll: Songs By George Harrison will feature such tunes as My Sweet Lord and Got My Mind Set On You. REUTERS

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Paul McCartney, left, talks with George Harrison's widow, Olivia Harrison, at a Hollywood Walk of Fame ceremony.

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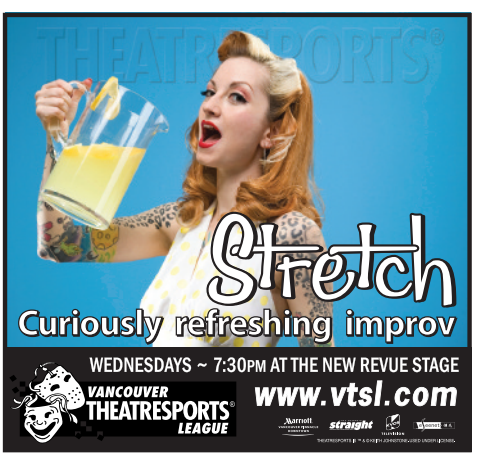

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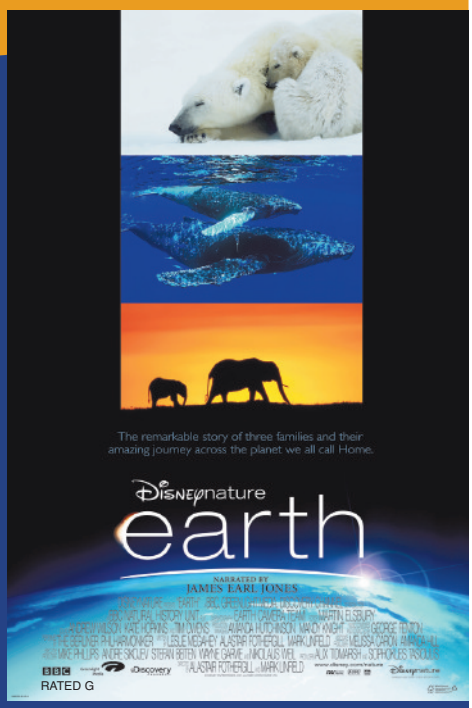
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The Runway winner

Designer admits early struggles on TV series

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

With consistency, creativity and skill, Toronto designer Sunny Fong followed his instincts to emerge victorious on last night's Project Runway Canada finale.

Fong's win came as little surprise to viewers or his competitors as the 32-year-old designer had racked up the most challenge wins and garnered frequent praise from the judges throughout the competition.

Despite his talent, Fong says he struggled early on to find confidence in his work.

"My biggest challenge initially was believing in what I did. I had to get over that first, after that I learned to trust my own instincts," Fong said.

In the early stages of the competition, Fong figured he would stick to simple designs to stay under the radar as much as possible, but quickly shifted his strategy when he realized the judges meant business.

Project Runway Canada winner Sunny Fong.

"I went in thinking I'm going to do my best but be very safe. A few episodes in, I realized safe wasn't going to be good enough," Fong said.

While the time constraints to produce garments on the show were extreme, Fong says he thinks the challenge really brought the best out of designers.

"Working under pressure is sort of my thing. The whole rushed, mad dash to get everything done is always the case with fashion. I think it really shows who is confident and ready to win," Fong said.

Fong started his own clothing line, named Vawk, in 2003 but closed it after just two years because he ran out of money. Before winning he had said if he didn't win he would probably give up on fashion forever.

Now with his win of $100,000 and a retail mentorship at Winners, Fong hopes to use all the experience he has gained from Project Runway Canada to restart his brand and keep it afloat this time around.

"I'm hoping to get my line really stable and make sure it doesn't shut down again. I don't want to rush it," he said.

He has no secrets as to how he finds inspiration, although he says he gets plenty of ideas from hanging around the house.

"I get inspired from the things I see. Home decorating and interior design really inspires me because it's a lifestyle," Fong said.

During the competition, Fong had said the one thing he hoped for more than winning was to hear his mother say she was proud of him. He got his wish just before his final collection got revealed at Toronto's LG Fashion Week.

"She told me that before I even won. It was a great feeling," he said.

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The Jon Dore Television Show

Just say no, kids, and don't try this at home. Actually, kids should just say no to this show altogether; between the subject matter and the language, it's definitely adult fare. In the season finale, after helping the police bust a pot smoker and then learning his neighbor uses marijuana for medicinal purposes, Jon is confused about drugs, why some are illegal and some aren't. He decides to educate himself by trying them. All of them. At once. 10 PM on COM

Criminal Minds

It's been more than three decades since "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" hit movie theaters, but the premise — hooking up with strangers can be deadly — still packs a punch in this episode that finds Prentiss and Todd (Paget Brewster, guest star Meta Golding) going under cover to profile a serial killer who uses his persuasive skills to lure women into danger. Joe Mantegna and Thomas Gibson also star in "52 Pickup." 8 PM on CTV

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Actor Jason Priestley and his makeup artist wife Naomi Lowde are expecting their second child, his publicist told usmagazine.com. He and Lowde, who was sporting what looked like a baby bump, were spotted shopping over the weekend. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Scientology school for Suri?

PEOPLE The Daily Mail is reporting that Suri Cruise is getting ready to start Scientology school soon after her upcoming third birthday, and will be attending the New Village Academy in Los Angeles, founded by Will Smith.

"(Mom) Katie (Holmes) is understandably a little anxious about being separated from Suri," a source tells the paper. But according the school, she doesn't have to worry. "It's not accurate information," a rep tells radaronline.com. "Students start at age four and above."

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Lindsay copes post-breakup

PEOPLE Lindsay Lohan has celebrated her split from DJ lover Samantha Ronson with a new tattoo. The actress has had a famous line uttered by tragic Hollywood icon Marilyn Monroe inked on her wrist, female-first.co.uk reports.

The phrase "Everyone's a star and deserves the right to twinkle" is surrounded by yellow, blue and green stars.

Though Lohan may have had her share of problems, she hasn't lost the ability to laugh at herself, people.com adds. In a new video posted at funnyordie.com, she parodies the ubiquitous ads for the dating service eHarmony.

"Hi, My name is Lindsay, and I'm looking for love. I'm recently single ... I think," she says, referring to her recent split from Ronson. "I'm looking for someone I can spend the rest of my life with ... or at least the rest of my probation."

In the video, she asks potential suitors if they can handle a "redhead with a little bit of sass, and by that I mean a redhead that's crazy," before rolling her eyes and saying, "Don't pretend like you don't know me. We've all read about it." METRO NEWS SERVICES

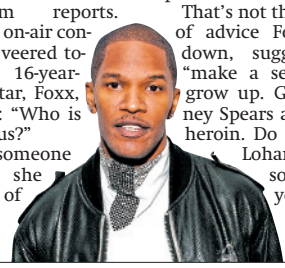
Who's Miley?: Jamie

PEOPLE Actor Jamie Foxx had some choice words for Miley Cyrus on his Sirius radio show The Foxxhole, people.com reports.

When the on-air conversation veered toward the 16-year-old pop star, Foxx, 41, asked: "Who is Miley Cyrus?"

After someone explained she is the star of Hannah Montana, Foxx quipped, "The one with all the gums? She's got to get a gum transplant!"

That's not the only piece of advice Foxx handed down, suggesting she "make a sex tape and grow up. Get like Britney Spears and do some heroin. Do like Lindsay Lohan ... and get some crack in your pipe."



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Mel's monster divorce settlement?

DIVORCE Mel Gibson may soon be writing one of the biggest checks of his life — to his wife, female-first.co.uk reports.

The estranged couple — who married 28 years ago — likely had no prenup, so Robyn Gibson, 53, is legally entitled in their divorce to half of everything he earned from their marriage in 1980 to the date of their legal separation: A fortune estimated at $1 billion US.

Among Gibson's estimated assets: More than $600 million grossed by The Passion of the Christ alone, $100 million-plus in real estate investments worldwide (he bought an island in Fiji for $15 million in 2004), and $75 million for film and TV projects for which Gibson executive produced.

Still, experts expect the two will reach a settlement within months.

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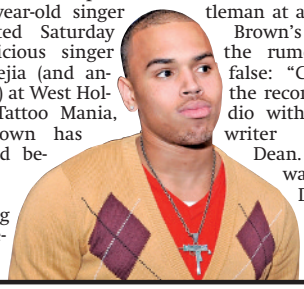
New girlfriend for Chris?

RUMOUR Chris Brown doesn't have a new girlfriend, usmagazine.com reports.

The 19-year-old singer was spotted Saturday with Girlicious singer Natalie Mejia (and another man) at West Hollywood's Tattoo Mania, where Brown has been inked before.

"Things are going well between us..." Mejia, 20, coyly told radaronline.com. "(Brown) has treated me like a gentleman at all times."

Brown's rep says the rumours are false: "Chris left the recording studio with a songwriter named Dean. Natalie was with Dean."



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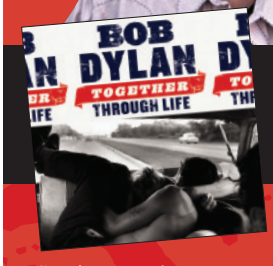

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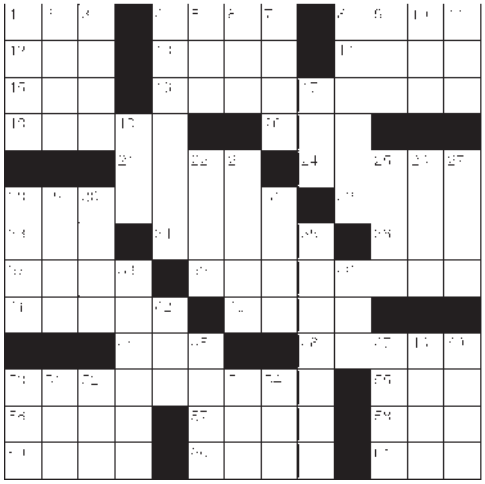

Crossword across

1 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
4 Harvest
8 "The Amazing —"
12 Clumsy sort
13 Beige
14 Vivacity
15 "CSI" evidence
16 Claim
18 Match
20 Attempt
21 Church service
24 Famous
28 Count
32 Unclothed
33 Before
34 Berate
36 Zero
37 "Zounds!"
39 Pretend to be
41 Decorator's theme
43 Ice cream holder
44 Jungfrau, for one
46 Dutch cheese
50 Specify as a condition
55 Rep. or Dem.
56 Aching
57 Bread spread
58 Choose
59 Sport
60 Hammerhead part
61 Ultramodernist

Crossword down

1 Last few notes
2 Hunger symptom
3 Somewhere out there
4 Undoes an amendment
5 Green, in a sense
6 Esses' precederers
7 Short shot
8 Trust
9 Carte lead-in
10 Tabby
11 Chemical suffix
17 Coffee shop vessel
19 Ostrich's kin
22 Anatomical pouches
23 Unemotional
25 Albacore, e.g.
26 Tend texts
27 Drop a line?
28 Abound
29 Jason's ship
30 Tempo
31 Ticklish Muppet
35 Castle's jail cell
38 Nappy
40 Writer Buscaglia
42 Winter ailment
45 Sit down heavily
47 "Once — a time"
48 Nitwit
49 Choir member
50 Away from NNE
51 Pirouette pivot
52 Savings-plan acronym
53 Hearty quaff
54 Placekicker's prop

Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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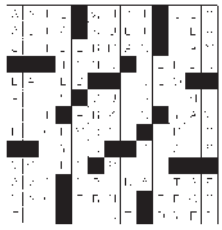

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5	8	2	1	3	7	4	9	6
3	6	1	8	9	4	7	2	5
9	1	4	7	2	3	6	5	8
6	3	7	9	5	8	2	1	4
2	5	8	6	4	1	9	7	3

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Steak and Onions

INGREDIENTS:
2 tsp (10 ml) olive oil
5 large onions, halved and thinly sliced
1 tbsp (15 ml) sugar
3 tbsp (45 ml) balsamic vinegar
1 tbsp (15 ml) orange zest
1/4 cup fresh orange juice
3/4 tsp (4 ml) oregano
3/4 tsp (4 ml) salt
1/2 tsp (2 ml) black pepper
1 lb (500 g) well-trimmed boneless beef top round, cut about 2 in. (5 cm) thick
1 tsp (5 mL) garlic powder
1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper

METHOD:
1. Heat oil in large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add onions and sugar, and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions begin to brown, 20 minutes.
2. Add vinegar, orange zest, orange juice, 1/2 tsp (2 ml) oregano, 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt, and black pepper. Cook until onions are wilted and glazed, 5 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, preheat broiler. Rub beef with remaining 1/4 tsp (1 ml) oregano, 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt, garlic powder and cayenne pepper. Broil beef 4 in. (10 cm) from heat until medium, 5 minutes per side. Let rest 5 minutes before cutting into thin slices. Serve with mashed potatoes and broccoli.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A blockade leads to victory. Be alert when politics are an eye-opener. Diligence will help you avoid offensive remarks.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Grim people are causing irritation. Greater damage is done by work issues. Try on a new role as a "mover and shaker."

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A stranger's motives are ambiguous. An authority figure has no time to focus. A nonstop talker is finally silenced by common sense.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A kind woman makes sure you're happy. Irrational anger continues to vex. A love story must be shared.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Explain your haste to avoid hurt feelings. Internet contacts expose a weakness in a plan. Plumbing problems become amusing.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Your hands may be tied by someone's exhaustion. Be honest when discussing a crisis. A self-righteous friend disputes a duty.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Uncertainty about income makes you work harder. Hang around with unconventional people. Refuse to put a damper on love.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
A colleague saves you from anxiety. Fresh theories about a cherished venture won't alter reality. A man is anxiously waiting for strength to return.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A catastrophic conversation has a friend in turmoil. Get smart and build your field of dreams. Don't provoke a quarrel at home.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Take statements about opportunities with a grain of salt. Let others be responsible for making corrections. A petty tyrant is moody.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Friends make you consider a change. A down-to-earth woman has a health issue. A visitor anticipates a good decision.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A shocking event makes you unsure about your next step. Get support by flushing out feelings of inadequacy. Prepare for dramatic events.

This day in history

APRIL 15, 1865: Abraham Lincoln dies after being shot the previous evening by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson is then sworn in as the 17th President of the United States.
APRIL 15, 1912: The British passenger liner, the RMS Titanic, sinks in the North Atlantic, after hitting an iceberg two and a half hours earlier, the previous day.
APRIL 15, 1923: Insulin becomes generally available for use by diabetics.
APRIL 15, 1989: Upon Hu Yaobang's death, the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989 begin in the People's Republic of China.

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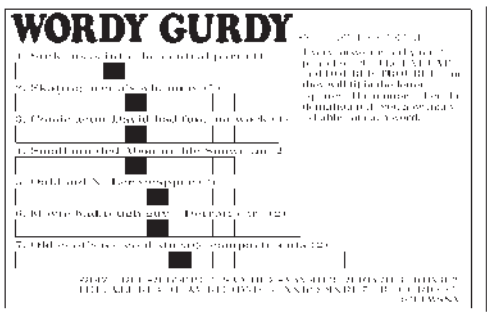

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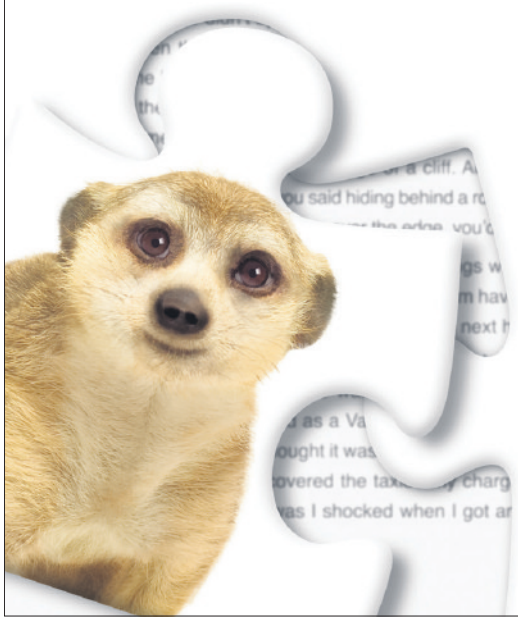

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